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SUBJ: DANISH GOVERNMENT REACTION TO VISIT BY ISRAELI FOREIGN
MINISTER

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1. MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS OLE BIERRING ASKED ME
TO CALL ON HIM ON MAY 19 TO OBTAIN READOUT ON ISRAELI FOR-
EIGN MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN'S MAY 16-18 VISIT TO DENMARK. SINCE
THE DEPARTMENT IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH WHAT DAYAN HAS BEEN
SAYING ON THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, BOTH IN THE U.S. AND IN
OTHER COUNTRIES, I WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE DANISH GOVERN-
MENT'S REACTION TO, AND JUDGMENT ON, DAYAN'S VIEWS.

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2. BIERRING SAID THAT WHILE THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE VISIT WAS
FRIENDLY, THE DISCUSSIONS WITH DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K. B.
ANDERSEN WERE "DIRECT AND FRANK". THE OVERALL IMPRESSION OF
DANISH OFFICIALS IS THAT THE ISRAELIS CANNOT BE MOVED FROM
THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS. THE DANES ALSO CONCLUDED THAT THE
ISRAELIS ARE NOT REALLY PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR ANY OPEN-

INGS THAT MIGHT BREAK THE POLITICAL DEADLOCK.

3. BIERRING SAID THAT THE GIST OF ANDERSEN'S MESSAGE WAS THAT THE SADAT INITIATIVE NEEDS A POSITIVE GESTURE FROM THE ISRAELI SIDE. REGARDLESS OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MERITS OF THIS INITIATIVE, ANDERSEN TOLD DAYAN THAT IT MADE A HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPACT IN THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE. ANDERSEN SAID THAT IF THE ISRAELIS WISH THE PENDULUM TO SWING BACK TOWARD THEIR SIDE, THE ISRAELIS SHOULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN THEIR NEGOTIATING POSTURE. ANDERSEN DID NOT ELABORATE ON WHAT KIND OF INITIATIVE THE ISRAELIS SHOULD TAKE, BUT STRESSED THAT PSYCHOLOGICALLY ISRAELIS HAD MANEUVERED THEMSELVES INTO A BAD POSITION.

4. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF DENMARK, A COUNTRY WHICH HAS CHAMPIONED ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE AND THE ISRAELI CAUSE OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS, ANDERSEN EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE ISRAELI VIEW THAT SECURITY COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE OCCUPATION OF TERRITORY AND BY MILITARY MEANS IS SPURIOUS. DENMARK, WHICH IS ALSO A SMALL COUNTRY, REALIZES THAT SECURITY ALSO IMPLIES POLITICAL GUARANTEES AND THE ISRAELIS WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO GIVE MORE WEIGHT TO THE BROAD POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND NOT ONLY RELY ON "MIGHT" TO DEFEND THEIR LAND.

5. DAYAN ADMITTED THAT SYMPATHY FOR THE ISRAELI CAUSE HAS
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ERODED CONSIDERABLY IN EUROPE AND IN THE U.S. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT NOW FOR THE ISRAELIS TO WORK WITH THE EC-9 COUNTRIES THAN BEFORE.
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